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REMARKS

By present amendment, claims 1-13 were amended and claim 4 was canceled. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, and are solely to conform the claims to U.S. Practice, including eliminating multiple dependencies and using idiomatic English. The Applicant also adds new claims 14-20 to this application for examination.

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 14 being independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants state that in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our deposit account #19-0120.

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